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Title: METHOD, APPARATUS AND ARTICLE-OF-MANUFACTURE FOR THE

CREATION, ISSUANCE, VALUATION/PRICING, TRADING AND

EXERCISE OF OPTIONS FOR ATTENDANCE RIGHTS, AND DERIVATIVE

INSTRUMENTS THEREON

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2005, thus extending the due date for this Response from May 17, 2005 to June 17, 2005. The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$60. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

In response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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Moreover, even if the Patent Office maintains that the cited references teach true attendance right options (they do not), those references clearly fail to teach freely transferable options. Walker teaches "options" for airline tickets. Although Walker is silent on the issue, those options would not be expected to be freely transferable from one passenger to another (since the tickets themselves are not freely transferable).

New claims 43-66 are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as discussed above, since they each have at least one of the limitations in claims 25 and 39-42 that are absent from the cited prior art (even when combined). For example, they all have an attendance right option limitation.

No statements made herein are intended to reduce the scope of the claims beyond that dictated by the plain wording of the claims themselves. Arguments regarding claim limitations are intended to apply only to claims explicitly possessing those limitations.

No fee is believed to be due with this Amendment (other than the extension fee authorized above and the RCE fee). However, if any fee is due, please charge that fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,
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